

# Americanism Essay Contest Rules for Schools

## Group I

### Grades 4 and 5

- Title:** *Why We Should Respect America?*
- Eligibility:** All pupils in grades 4 and 5, known as Group I, shall be eligible to compete.
- Length:** Essay shall contain not less than **200** words or more than **300** words. **All** words shall be counted, **including the title.**

Winning students will be honored by the American Legion Auxiliary at a CUSD Governing Board Meeting. Students whose essays go on to win at the National competition will receive: 1<sup>st</sup>: \$100.00; 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$50.00

**DEADLINE DATE: Friday, March 2, 2018**

### RULES

- A. Titles must be **exactly** as specified in **TITLE** above.
- B. All teachers must be provided a copy of the rules.
- C. Subject to be announced to students and a set time allowed by teachers for research.
- D. Essays should be written **in ink**, in English only, on one side of plain white, lined paper with no school letterhead. **FOURTH GRADE ONLY may elect to use pencil.** Computer generated essays are also accepted.
- E. All essays must be written in the classroom under teacher supervision.
- F. Each teacher will be asked to have all students in the classroom participate under the established essay contest rules provided by the Unit Chairman.
- G. Quoted material must be enclosed in quotation marks and the student must give a simple bibliography stating source and reference to help the judges differentiate between original and quoted material.
- H. Each teacher should select the top three essays from their class to submit. **Only three essays will be accepted per teacher.**
- I. Teachers/students should make copies of the submitted essay. Entries become the property of the American Legion Auxiliary and will not be returned.
- J. The student will put their name, grade level, teacher's full name (**Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.**), the name of the school, and **word count** on the **back of their essay.** Other than this, there should be no identifying marks on the essay.
- K. The teacher should place no more than **three essays** in an envelope. The teacher should seal the envelope and identify on the outside of the envelope their name, grade level, and the name of the school.
- L. Teachers will submit the envelope to Suzanne Lauritzen, Curriculum and Instruction Department, at the CUSD PLC by Friday, March 2, 2018, no later than 5:00 p.m.

The CUSD Professional Learning Center (CUSD PLC) is located at 362 N. Clovis Avenue, Clovis CA 93612.  
**Essays may also be sent through District Mail (CUSD PLC) but must be received by the deadline.**